

Put it in Writing

Kenton County Public Library celebrated springtime and "National Library Week" with a three-part program for budding writers. Called "Put It in Writing @yourlibrary," the series drew an eclectic and enthusiastic crowd. The first part was a creative writing seminar lead by Professor Sherry Stanforth of Thomas More College. The purpose was to "learn ways to get your creative juices flowing and improving your writing."



The second segment featured free lance author, Kathleen Heins. Ms. Heins appearance was sponsored by the American Library Association in conjunction with *Woman's Day* magazine. The focus was primarily non-fiction writing featuring techniques on ways to get articles published in magazines.

"Mystery and Romance: Genre Writing" was highlighted at the last program. Local authors, Jeffrey Marks and Dianne Castell offered tips on developing and improving writing skills for specialized markets. Marks writes mysteries and biographies of mystery writers. Castell pens romance novels. At all three programs, Kenton County Public Library staff also showcased the resources available at their library to help local writers break into the business.

"Libraries are where great writers get started," said library director, Wayne Onkst. "There are more than reference books on the shelf or Web sites on the computer. Libraries provide a place to dream, a place to be creative, a place to be inspired. Libraries are where writers come together to learn and to share ideas as a community. Whether you are a writer looking for reference and research materials, special collections, unique programs or just some creativity and inspiration, you'll find it all at your library."

During the two-hour National Library Week workshop, *Woman's Day* writer, Kathleen Heins offered tips on how to get published, drawing from her own experiences and specialties. Ms. Heins honed her skills writing for her home town weekly shoppers' guide and as a freelancer for local newspapers including *Cincinnati Magazine* and *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. In addition to *Woman's Day*, her articles have appeared in *Ladies' Home Journal*, *Good Housekeeping* and *Better Homes and Gardens*. She has written many consumer medical articles on topics as diverse as arthritis and childhood earaches.

continued ->

During the program, many participants were seen nodding their heads in agreement with the particular pitfalls common to publishing. About 75 beginning, novice and published writers were in attendance from locations including Columbus, Ohio, Louisville and Richmond. According to the author, a writer often receives a 5% return on efforts. For every 100 articles written, about five generally are published. However in closing, Ms. Heins noted, "Remember the professional writer is the amateur who didn't quit."

Gary Pilkington, adult programmer, stated that "it was pretty amazing that people would travel so far for the program. It shows you the level of interest and commitment that people have toward a writing career. We saw that in all three programs." He affirms that the library will continue programming in this popular area.

Fifteen libraries across the country were chosen by the American Library Association to host workshops for aspiring writers led by writers from *Woman's Day* magazine during National Library Week, April 18-24. The workshops were part of the third year of "Put it in Writing @ your library®," designed to promote the wealth of opportunities that all types of libraries offer that can spark a writer's imagination and creativity and help develop a community of writers.

"Put It in Writing @ your library" is part of The Campaign for America's Libraries, ALA's multi-year public education campaign designed to showcase the value of public, school, academic and special libraries and librarians in the 21st century. *Woman's Day*, published by Hachette Filipacchi Media U.S., Inc., is a founding partner in the campaign.

PUBLIC LIBRARY HISTORY PUBLICATION RECEIVES KENTUCKY HISTORY AWARD

The Historical Confederation of Kentucky and the Kentucky Historical Society sponsor the Kentucky History Awards. Presented annually, The Kentucky History Awards recognize outstanding achievements in state and local history made by individuals, business and civic leaders, communities, museums, and history organizations throughout the Commonwealth.

This year's awards presentation took place March 1 at the Kentucky History Center in Frankfort. Jonathan Jeffrey received an Award of Merit on behalf of the Friends of the Library / Warren County for his recently revised and updated publication *Standing Strong: A History of the Bowling Green Public Library, 1938-2003*. With two additional chapters, many additional photographs and an updated format, *Standing Strong* traces the library's story, from its inception as a Works Progress Administration project through its modern-day metamorphosis into a county-wide system.

An Award of Merit indicates a project of outstanding quality that can serve as a statewide or national model, according to the Kentucky Historical Society. Entries in the publications category are judged on historical value, accurate and appropriate research by scholars or others qualified in the subject matter, strong technical qualities, pleasing appearance, and distribution numbers and methods.

Children's Librarians Conference

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives will sponsor Widening Circles VII, its biennial conference for Kentucky's public librarians serving children and youth. This popular event is scheduled for September 22—24, 2004 at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton. Optional pre-conference training will be offered September 21—22.

The conference will focus on services for preschool through mid-elementary age children. The featured presenter is Margaret Read MacDonald who will be providing six hours of training. Shorter presentations will be made by Rob Reid and Chris Kelley. One of the pre-conference trainers is Susan Dailey. A complete schedule of training topics and events along with full registration and lodging information will be sent to public libraries in July.

For information about trainers, check out these web links:

Margaret Read MacDonald: <http://www.margaretreadmacdonald.com/>

Rob Reid: <http://www.ifls.lib.wi.us/staff/reid.html>

Children, Inc. (Chris Kelley): <http://www.childreninc.org/default.htm>

Susan Dailey: <http://www.susanmdailey.com/index.html>

Planning for Events Ahead

July 2004

Trustees Institutes (meal with program to follow)

- | | |
|---------|---|
| July 14 | Center for Rural Development, Somerset |
| July 15 | Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park, Gilbertsville |
| July 21 | Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg |
| July 22 | Reception Conference Center, Erlanger |

August 2004

Library Materials Repair (9:30 - 3:30 local time 5 hours)

- | | |
|--------------|---|
| August 3 | Rowan County Public Library, Morehead |
| August 10 | Hardin County Public Library, Elizabethtown |
| August 5 | Fourteenth Annual GCLC Support Staff Symposium |
| August 30-31 | Library Managers Institute (11 hours),
Georgetown College's Conference & Training Center |

September 2004

September 22-24 Widening Circles VII (hours vary)

General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton

Pre-conferences will be offered on September 21 - 22

Cataloging Tip

Have you ever had a book returned, or donated, that had an odor, and not a pleasant one at that? Well, if this ever happens at your library, I've got some suggestions for fixing the problem, and it is not throwing the book away!

These are all suggestions that appeared recently on the Autocat Listserv, and we have not had the occasion to try any of these methods at KDLA.

- * Fabric softener sheets can be placed in the book, and then the book placed in a plastic zip-lock bag. You might want to check the sheets for their pH. Unscented dryer sheets have also been used. One person placed the sheets between plain paper before placing them in the book.

- * According to some, fresh air and sunlight help to decrease foul odors in a book. Others felt that is was not good for the book, and should be used only if the title was not rare, and could be easily replaced.

- * Unscented cat litter is also used to get rid of odors. Use an airtight container, such as a plastic storage box with a lid. Fill the box with unscented cat litter. Place the book in another open container that will fit inside the larger one. Put the lid on the larger container, and keep closed, checking often, until the smell has disappeared.

These methods may or may not work for you, but may be worth a try to save a book. Please contact us with any cataloging or processing questions that you might have. We are always glad to help!

Myra Prewitt
myra.prewitt@ky.gov
1-800-928-7000 ext. 227

2004 Kentucky Public Library Awards

Marie Liang, McCracken County Public Library, won the Outstanding Public Library Service Award.

Geneva Pullen, Lexington Public Library, received the Margaret F. Willis Outstanding Community Library Service Award.

Amy Morgeson, Marion County Public Library, won the Miss Pickle Award 2004 for Most Outstanding Children's Librarian.

Kaye Peterson, Marion County Public Library, got the James Harrison Award for best Bookmobile/ Outreach Librarian.

Continuing Education Scholarships were awarded to Laura Lindsey, Grayson County Public Library, Scott Belcher, Grayson County Public Library, Julie-Renee Diamond Hale, Bowling Green Public Library, and Kaye Peterson, Marion County Public Library.



L-R: Linda Kompanik, President Elect KLA; Judith Gibbons, Field Services Division Director; Carol Brey-Casiano, President Elect American Library Association; Susie Lawrence, Chair KPLA Legislative Committee

Grant Opportunities

WHERE THE GRANTS ARE

The federal government recently unveiled a comprehensive Web site with information on all federal grant programs, making the application process vastly simpler for state and local governments. The site, developed in conjunction with state and local officials, has details on more than 800 grant programs from 26 federal agencies. Features include a search feature to “Find Grant Opportunities” and downloadable applications in the “Apply for Grants” section. The site is located at www.grants.gov.

WHERE’S THE INFO?

Information, someone once said, wants to be free. These days, information also wants to be electronic. And increasingly, governments need that information to be accessible directly by users. The Center for Technology in Government at New York’s University at Albany is providing two free online tools to help in the process: a paper- and Web-based “Opening Gateways Guide” and an accompanying interactive “Gateways Online Workbench.” Both are available on the center’s Web site at www.ctg.albany.edu/publications/online/gateways/portal

Bath County Book Fair

Bath County Memorial Library celebrated National Library Week. Their 1st Annual Spring Book Fair was held Saturday, April 24th. Seventeen authors were present at the event including: Nick Clooney, Bob Sloan, Lynwood Montell, David and Lalie Dick, LaVece and Charles Hughes. Bath County Library Director Brenda Vance said, “We had a great turnout, sold quite a few books and had a great day. We received so many nice comments from the authors and the community and have been asked to make it an annual affair.”



‘Cross the Commonwealth



McCracken County Public Library has received a \$25,000.00 grant from The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Inc. The grant will be used toward the construction of a multi-purpose Community Meeting Room.

The Calvert City Branch Library has received a \$300.00 donation from the Calvert City Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #3510. The donation will be used to purchase large print materials

The Marshall County Public Library System held its first annual adult reading program, I Love to Read, in February. The libraries had 157 to sign-up for the program with a total of 1,337 books read.

The Marshall County Public Library and the Four Rivers Behavioral Health Center will jointly sponsor an 8-week drug awareness and prevention program during the months of March and April. The “Here’s Looking @ You” program is designed for 2nd-5th graders and will be included as part of the library’s Monday “After School Special” programming.

The George Coon Public Library is now fully automated. Judy Boaz, Library Director, reported that everyone was well pleased with the TLC system.

The Graves County Public Library has a new automation system. The library has upgraded to the Polaris System.

Ronella Stagner, who writes a syndicated newspaper column on gardening, had a book signing at the John L. Street Public Library (Trigg County) on Monday, April 19, for her book Going Through the Garden: a Month-by-Month Practical Guide to Gardening.

Greg Watson had a book signing for his newest genealogical book, Caldwell County, Ky. Ancestors: Some Descendents of Jacob Sigler, at the George Coon Public Library on Friday, April 23.

2004 Legislative Day Attendees

Legislative Day was held in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, May 4. Several Kentucky libraries were represented at the event. Attendees included: James Nelson, Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives; Rose Davis, Western Kentucky University; Marcia Freyman, Lexington Community College; Emmalee Hill, Twenhofel Middle School; Carol Nutter, Morehead State University Library; Debra Oberhausen, Crescent Hill Branch Library of the Louisville Free Public Library; Crystal Smallwood, Dorton Elementary School; and Jim Wyrick, Kentucky Library Trustees Association.

Kentucky Public Library Association Standards Awards

Congratulations to the following Kentucky public libraries that received Awards of Merit in the first formal phase of self-evaluation. Framed certificates were given to the following libraries by Kentucky Public Library Association Standards Committee Chair, Lori Acton, at the annual awards luncheon held on May 6, 2004.

The following libraries reached basic level providing the minimum services available to all:

Adair County Public Library	Jackson County Public Library
Bath County Public Library	Knott County Public Library
Boyle County Public Library	Laurel County Public Library
Butler County Public Library	Leslie County Public Library
Calloway County Public Library	Letcher County Public Library
Corbin Public Library	Madison County Public Library
Cynthiana-Harrison County Public Library	Marshall County Public Library
Edmonson County Public Library	McCreary County Public Library
Estill County Public Library	Mercer County Public Library
Fleming County Public Library	Metcalfe County Public Library
Garrard County Public Library	Muhlenburg County Public Library
Grant County Public Library	Perry County Public Library
Green County Public Library,	Rockcastle County Public Library
Greenup County Public Library	Taylor County Public Library
Hancock County Public Library	Trigg County Public Library
Harvey Helm Memorial Library (Lincoln County)	Trimble County Public Library
Henry County Public Library	Wayne County Public Library

The following libraries reached enhanced level providing an expansion of services beyond basic:

Bowling Green Public Library (Warren County)	Marion County Public Library
Fulton County Public Library	Nicholas County Public Library
Gallatin County Public Library	Ohio County Public Library
Grayson County Public Library	Pulaski County Public Library
Hart County Public Library	Scott County Public Library
Kenton County Public Library	Shelby County Public Library
Lexington Public Library (Fayette County)	
Logan County Public Library	
Louisville Free Public Library (Jefferson County)	

The highest level of service attainable under current standards is comprehensive. Only one library reached this milestone - McCracken County Public Library.



McCracken County Public Library Staff

Kentucky Public Library Newsletter is published bi-monthly by Field Services Division of Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives and your regional librarian. Correspondence should be addressed to the editor, Marjorie Flowers, Green River/Pennyrile Regional Office, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301. Phone 270.687.7316; Fax 270.687.7351; e-mail: marjorie.flowers@ky.gov.

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives

Serving Kentucky's Need to Know

An agency of the Education Cabinet

In This Issue

Put It in Writing	1-2
Public Library History Publication Receives History Award	2
Children's Librarians Conference	3
Planning for Events Ahead	3
Cataloging Tip	4
2004 KPLA Awards	4
Grant Opportunities	5
Bath County Book Fair	5
'Cross the Commonwealth	6
2004 Legislative Day Attendees	6
KPLA Standards Awards	7

Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives
300 Coffee Tree Road
P.O. Box 537
Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0537

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED
PLEASE FORWARD